## Good afternoon,

The BGR Group represents the Kingdom of Bahrain's Embassy to the United States of America. U.S. government officials continue to praise Bahrain's support in facilitating a safe evacuation and retrograde of U.S. citizens, soldiers, and Afghans from Kabul, Afghanistan through Isa Air Base in Bahrain.

Yesterday, Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin <u>spoke with</u> Bahrain Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to reaffirm the strong U.S.-Bahrain relationship and to express gratitude for Bahrain's efforts to support the U.S. mission in Afghanistan. Secretary Austin <u>tweeted</u> that he is "deeply grateful for the strong U.S.-Bahrain partnership," noting that Bahrain's support was critical to Afghanistan evacuation operations.

Please let me know if you have questions, or if you would like to speak further with the Embassy of Bahrain about their efforts to support the U.S. retrograde and to facilitate a safe and effective evacuation.

Thanks, Mark

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